

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2023

**Remarks in an Exchange With Reporters Upon Arrival From Baltimore, Maryland
January 30, 2023**

Security Assistance to Ukraine

Q. Will the United States provide F-16s to Ukraine?

The President. No.

Q. Will you be going to Europe for the war's anniversary?

Catholic Church/Abortion

Q. Catholic bishops are demanding that Federal tax dollars not fund abortions.

The President. No, they are not all doing that. Nor is——

Q. Catholic bishops are——

The President. Nor is——

Q. ——demanding that Federal tax——

The President. Nor is the Pope doing that.

Federal Budget/Speaker of the House of Representatives Kevin O. McCarthy

Q. What are you going to tell Speaker McCarthy? When he said he wants to negotiate, what do you say?

The President. Show me your budget, I'll show you mine.

Q. Mr. President, what is your message—what is your message to Leader McCarthy—to Speaker McCarthy? Sorry, sir. What would be your message?

The President. Show me your budget, I'll show you mine.

Law Enforcement Reform

Q. Do you have any plans to meet with the Congressional Black Caucus on police reform? They're asking for a meeting.

The President. Oh, yes. No, of course, I will. Look, I haven't set the time yet.

Q. Do you still think the George Floyd Act is the most reasonable——

The President. I do.

Q. ——legislation to get through a divided Congress?

The President. I think we should do it right now. We should have done it before.

As you know, I did it by Executive order for the Federal side. But I can't do it otherwise without the help of the rest of the Congress.

Investigation Into Classified Documents Found at the President's Private Residence and Former Office

Q. One other. If the—if the—Special Counsel, who's starting this week, asks for your testimony, would you give testimony?

The President. Oh, I don't even know about the Special Counsel.

Prime Minister Mark Rutte of the Netherlands

Q. Did you talk with the Dutch—thank you, sir. Dutch Prime Minister today—[inaudible]. Did you speak with the Dutch Prime Minister?

The President. I apologize, I——

Q. Can you talk about the—you talked with the Dutch Prime Minister today, right? Dutch Prime Minister?

The President. Yes, the Dutch Prime Minister. Yes.

Q. Did you talk about Japanese-Dutch-U.S. agreement about semiconductor issue, or what you talk about?

The President. Yes. Yes, we talked about a lot of things, but a lot of it is private.

Poland

Q. Mr. President, are you considering trip to Poland next month?

The President. I'm going to be going to Poland. I don't know when though.

Q. And what about Ukraine? What about Ukraine?

Community Policing

Q. Should you take a new approach to community policing? Are your views on policing changing——

The President. No.

Q. ——being based on what's happening—happened?

The President. Everybody else's views got—getting towards mine. And we need community policing, where the police know the community, have a relationship with the community, know who lives where.

And they need additional help in terms of having psychologists and psychiatrists on their teams. They need a lot more.

Q. Have you decided on the new NEC Director, sir?

Q. What was going through your mind when you saw the Tyre Nichols video?

Q. Sir, for the war's anniversary——

The President's Travel Plans

Q. Have you decided to go to Europe, sir, for the anniversary?

The President. I'm not sure.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:03 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House after exiting Marine One. In his remarks, he referred to Pope Francis; and Department of Justice Special Counsel Robert K. Hur. A reporter referred to Tyre Nichols, who died on January 10 as a result of injuries he received during an encounter with Memphis, TN, police officers following a traffic stop on January 7. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

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